

REMARKS

The following is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed on February 17, 2006. Claims 1-24 were examined. The Examiner rejected claims 1-15, 18-20, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Watanabe (U.S. Patent No. 6,686,958), claims 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious in view of Watanabe in combination with Raney (U.S. Patent No. 5,581,299), and claims 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious in view of Watanabe in combination with Wakabayashi (U.S. Patent No. 5,097,285).

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Watanabe does not teach, suggest, or disclose “displaying the live digital image on a display screen constituent to the handheld electronic device; [and] capturing the live digital image;” as recited in amended claim 1. Further, Watanabe does not teach, suggest, or disclose a handheld electronic device, comprising an image management engine capable of displaying the live digital image on the display, and capturing the live digital image with the image capture device as recited in amended claim 8. Finally, Watanabe does not teach, suggest, or disclose “displaying the live digital image on the display; [and] capturing the live digital image with the digital camera;” as recited in amended claim 19.

Watanabe never describes any viewfinder for his image pickup unit and computer system, much less a digital one. Therefore, claims 1, 8, 19, and dependents thereof are not anticipated by Watanabe.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

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Watanabe, Raney, and Wakabayashi, either alone or in combination, do not teach, suggest, or disclose any of the elements recited above from claims 1, 8, and 19. Wakabayashi teaches a film camera. Raney teaches a dual film and digital camera. However, Raney's camera requires uploading a digital image to a computer (desktop) or laptop for viewing (col. 2, lines 23-29). Therefore, claims 1, 8, 19, and dependents thereof are not obvious in view of Watanabe in combination with Raney and/or Watanabe in combination with Wakabayashi.

Conclusion

Based on the above remarks, Applicants believe that they have overcome all of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action mailed on August 24, 2005 and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number provided below.

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